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LETTER DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1996 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that while an Iraqi police patrol was carrying out its normal duties in the Kharanj area in the Iraqi sector of the demilitarized zone, a Kuwaiti patrol began firing heavily on, and then abducted, the Iraqi patrol, which was made up of a police officer, two constables and a civilian.

I urge you to intercede with Kuwait and request it to take steps to ensure the immediate release and return of the Iraqi citizens. Kuwait should also be urged to refrain from repeating such dangerous and unjustified acts, which are in contravention of the Charter of the United Nations and international law and could create tension and instability in the demilitarized zone.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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